

**REMARKS**

Claims 11-22 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-10 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter found therein. No new matter is added. Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

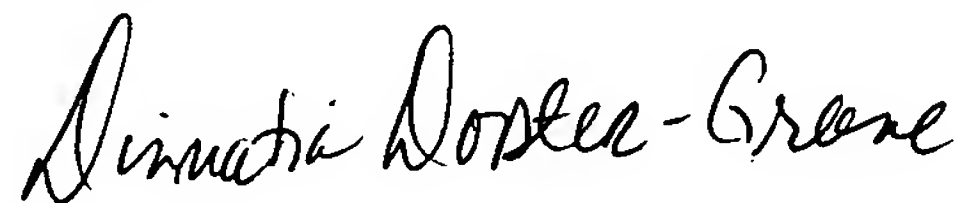
Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 11-22 are allowed.

The rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Allen et al. ("Real-time analysis of rhythmic gene expression in immortalized suprachiasmatic nucleus cells") is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1-10.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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